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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** My opinion

Please consider my opinion in the Microsoft matter, attached.

Thank you.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft, Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in response to the outcome of the Microsoft antitrust suit brought on by the Department of Justice. In my opinion, the case was without merit. I do not believe Microsoft infringed on any antitrust laws, either at the state or federal level. Likewise, I am adamantly opposed to any further legal action taken against Microsoft. I am, however, delighted to see the issue laid to rest. In this sense, I am satisfied with the settlement reached last November, and I hope that it will be enacted both nationally and eventually in the State of California. As such, I would appreciate it if you would press Attorney General Lockyer to become a party to the settlement.

Despite the unwarranted nature of this case, Microsoft has been willing to incur penalties in the interest of resolving this dispute. Microsoft has agreed to share information about the internal workings of the Windows operating system with its competitors. This disclosure of information will enable competing software designers to replace their own programs where Microsoft programs have been. Licensing of Microsoft's Windows system has also been guaranteed at a constant cost. Thus, computer makers will be able to receive the popular OS at equal prices across the board. Thus, the settlement is constructed to give Microsoft competitors access to formerly protected information.

These compromises are enormous. Yet, I will begrudgingly accept these terms as long as it ends this relentless persecution of Microsoft.

Sincerely,

Roberta Wisniewski

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